

WE SHALL BE CHANGED

I. THE RAPTURE IS A MYSTERY

A. I CORINTHIANS 15:51-55

(51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

(52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

(54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

(55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1. The rapture was not revealed to the Old Testament Saints.
2. It was revealed to Paul by Jesus.
3. The word “mystery” in the Greek is “*moosteyrion*” which means hidden knowledge which is only granted by revelation or initiation.
4. In the rapture, the dead in Christ will be raised and the living will be instantaneously transformed – Greek = *alasso* : made different.

B. I THESSALONIANS 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1. The living saints will be “caught up” (Greek = *harpazo*) seized, plucked up, taken by force.
2. *Harpazo* is where we get the word “rapture” from when it was translated into the Latin.
3. In a moment is (Greek = *atmos*), an “atom” or invisible amount of time when the atomic structure is changes.
4. You are here, and gone in a twinkling of an eye. Twinkle of the eye is Greek *rhiza* – a jerk of the eye, instantly.

II. THE CHANGING OF YOUR BODY

A. From Corruption to Incorruption.

B. From Mortality to Immortality where you will live forever.

C. Death is swallowed up in victory

1. The living and dead in Christ will have incorruptible bodies in heaven.
2. Our heavenly bodies will not experience fatigue, sickness, sorrow, crying, or pain.

III. A SHOUT FROM THE CLOUDS

- A. The rapture begins with a shout from Christ from the clouds.
- B. Only those who are living in righteousness will hear his voice.
- C. John 12:28-29. (Jesus said), "Father, glorify thy name." Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
Three hearings:
 - 1. The Righteous heard and knew it was God's voice.
 - 2. Others only heard thunder
 - 3. Yet others thought that an angel had spoken to Jesus.
- D. John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
- E. Acts 9:6-7
(6) And he (Paul) trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
(7) And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- F. The people with Paul heard a voice, but did not see or understand that it was Jesus.
- G. Daniel 10:6-7.
(6) His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.
(7) And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.
- H. The men with Daniel saw nothing and ran away.
- I. The people left on earth at the Rapture will see lighting and hear thunder; nothing else. They do not have ears to hear Christ's voice.

IV. WARNINGS ABOUT BEING PREPARED

- A. Matthew 24:40-42 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- B. Matthew 28:1-13 – Parable of the 10 Virgins 5 were left behind and the door was shut.
- C. Matthew 25:30. "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness.
- D. Matthew 22:2-14 – Wedding of the Son. The man without a wedding garment was cast into outer darkness.

V. THE RAPTURE INTO THE CLOUDS WITH JESUS

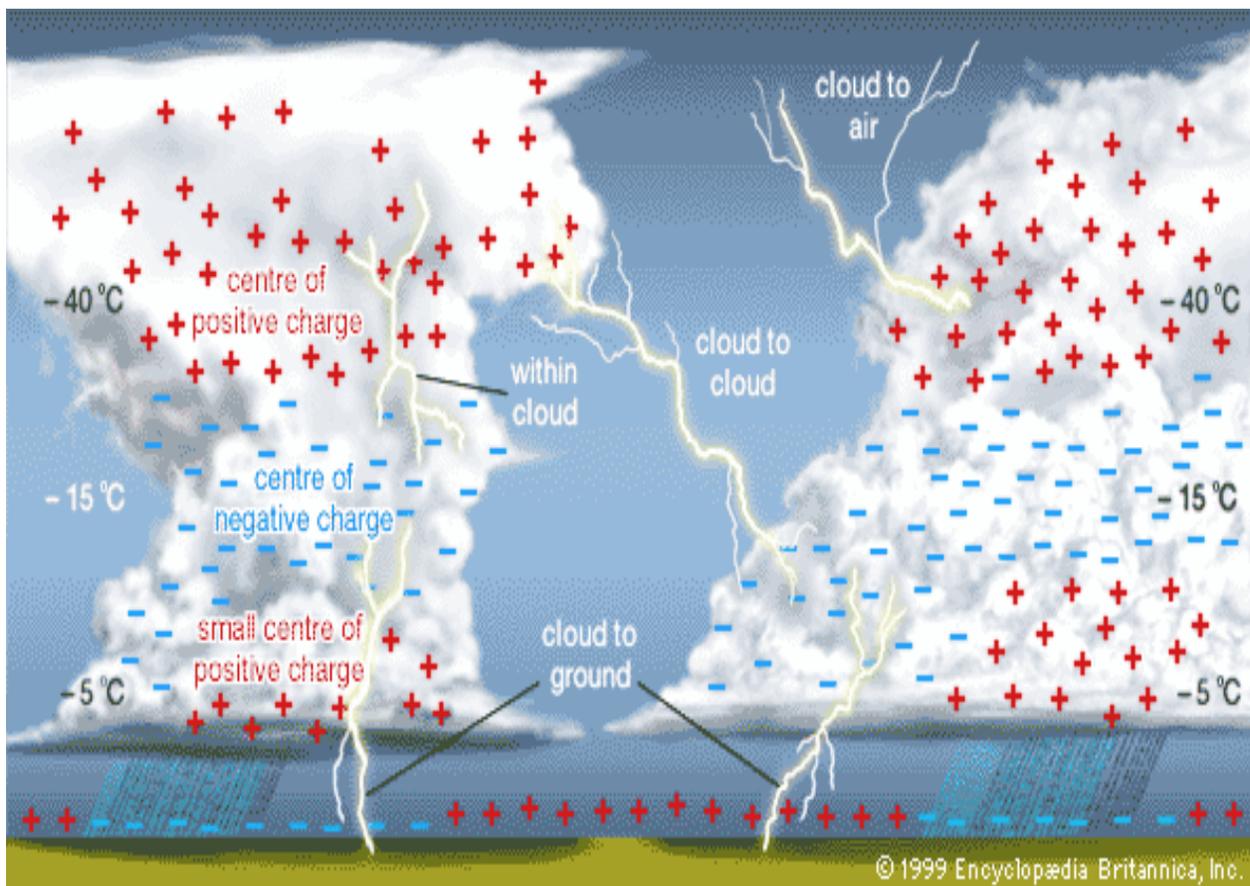
- A. I Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

B. Light travels 186,000 miles per second, and goes around the earth 7/12 times in one second.

C. **For lightning to occur at the Rapture after the Shout:**

1. The upper atmosphere must be positively charged.
2. The 2nd level of air must be negatively charged (Ephesians 2:2, Satan the Prince of the Power of the Air).
3. The 3rd or ground level of the air must also be positively charged.



D. **A lightning strike:** The upper atmosphere which is positive has to push through the 2nd level to the ground. The lightning strike is called the Return Stroke when the positively charged air goes back up into the atmosphere causing lightning and thunder. The thunder is caused by a rapid expansion of air surrounding the lightning, causing a sonic shock wave similar to a sonic boom.

How is thunder and lightning formed?

- Thunder is when lightning makes the air so hot that it expands. Lightning is when clouds get hit with electricity. When the electricity's power gets high enough, it leaps from one place to another. Then the lightning is visible.



- E. At Christ's rapture, Harpazo – we will be snatched up or seized into the clouds instantly.
- F. It will happen so fast our atomic structure (atoms) will be changed instantly and we shall be caught up.